of the present fishing fleet. The diversification of part of this fleet is crucial to the revival of the deep sea fishing industry. The World Bank has now communicated that deep sea fishing is not one of the priorities of their Agriculture Division's pipeline. They have, however stated that the subject is interesting and important and they would share with the Government any information on possible assistance if it becomes available.

(c) and (b) package for rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing units was announced by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd., Bombay in April, 1991 which was revised in June, 1992. No new package has been offered in addition to the above package.

276. [Transferred to the 4th May, 1993].

Production of mango pulp in A.P.

277. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a vast potential for production of mango pulp in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to exploit the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 175 licensed units under the Fruit Products Order out of which 115 units are capable of processing mangoes for the production of mango pulp. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a number of developmental plan schemes under which assistance is provided for the setting up/upgradation of food processing units which includes units for production of mango pulp. An assistance of Rs. 104 lacs has been provided to Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation for the setting up of two fruits & vegetable processing projects in Andhra Pradesh which among other items envisages production of mango pulp.

Deep sea fishing trawlers operating in East Coast

278. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deep sea fishing trawlers operating in east-coast;

(b) the number of them chartered and how many others are owned by Indian firm;

(c) how many applications are still Pending for new ventures and since how long they are pending; and

(d) they are at what stage of consideration now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) 199 deep sea fishing trawlers have been permitted for operation in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. The number of trawlers operating in East Coast varies from time to time as they move out from East Coast to West Coast depending on the availability of fish.

(b) There are six chartered foreign fishing vessels operating as on 13-04-93, 192 trawlers owned by Indian companies and one vessel under Test Fishing.

(c) and (d) 8 applications for deep sea fishing received from November' 92 onwards, are pending. These applications are in process at interministerial level.

Minimising fruit processing costs

279. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that low utilisation of processing machinery increases fruits processing costs in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a combination of items to be processed through the same plant could minimise costs and maximise days of operation;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to make possible the reduction of fruit processing costs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) While it is for the entrepreneurs to decide the items to be processed and the equipments and technology to be used, the technical staff of the Ministry advises entrepreneurs on various aspects including technology for reducing the fruit processing costs. The Government has also liberalised the import of equipments and technology and has provided fiscal relief on equipments & machinery etc.

Deep sea fishing industry

280. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans to revive the deep-sea fishing industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any aid has been sought from World Bank for revival of deep-sea fishing industry and if so, the status of the aid programme; and

(c) whether in any of its project profiles for deep-sea fishing, the Government has considered Malpe fishing complex of Karnataka as a base for pilot demonstration project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) Rehabilitation assistance was extended to the sick deep sea fishing companies assisted by the erstwhile SDFC under a rehabilitation scheme announced by the Government of India in April, 1991. This rehabilitation scheme, which was drawn up by the Government of India. In consultation with the fishing industry, envisaged concessions which included waiver of penal interest, recapitalisation of overdue amounts repayable over the balance economic life of the vessel, additional financial assistance for meeting increased cost of acquisition of vessels, financial assistance for repair and re-modification of vessels etc. The above rehabilitation package was further liberalised in June, 1992.

(b) Yes, Sir. World Bank was requested to fund the Demonstration Commercial Fishing for diversification of part of the present fishing fleet. The diversification of part of his fleet is crucial to the revival of the deep sea fishing industry. The World Bank has now communicated that deep sea fishing is not one of the priorities of their Agriculture Division's pipeline. They have, however, stated that the subject is interesting and important and they would share with the Government any information on possible assistance if it becomes available.

(c) No, Sir.

Neglect of various food processing sectors

281. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new item which appeared in the Economic Times dated 30th March, 1993 captioned "Government gambles on glitzy generic ad to boost food processing";

(b) whether the Ministry of Food processing Industries has neglected the State of health of many vital sectors coming under its jurisdiction;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to stablise various sectors like deep-sea fisheries and vegetable processing units which are facing crises ;

(d) whether it is a fact that over Rs. 1 crore is being spent on ads; and

(e) the steps being taken to avoid high expenditure on account of publicity?